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My name is Blake Ross. I'm a concerned citizen. I don't believe the proposed final judgment does anything to remedy the monopolistic behavior that Microsoft has engaged in for years. For example, what tangible steps does the judgment making toward preventing Microsoft from using its dominance in the operating system market to leverage its other products? I recently installed Windows XP and was appalled at the prevalence of bundled Microsoft products. Microsoft Windows Media Player, MSN Internet Explorer, Windows Messenger, etc. -- they're all over the place, and the user can't uninstall them! In fact, just trying to delete the programs from your file system makes them magically reappear. Why is Windows Messenger so "tightly integrated" that I can't even uninstall it? It used to be called MSN Messenger, and it used to be separated -- then Microsoft just renamed it Windows Messenger, and it immediately became a "necessary component" of Windows. How can companies compete against this monolith? Do something that makes a difference.

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